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SUMMARY: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) TODAY GAVE US
OUR COPY OF ITS NOTE REPLYING TO APRIL 16 DRV NOTE. TEST
WITH EIGHT (8) PARTS FOLLOWS BELOW, BEING NUMBERED AS IN
ORIGINAL NOTE. WE HAVE ADDED LETTER INDICATORS FOR EACH
PARAGRAPH FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES. IN ORIGINAL THESE
PARAGRAPHS ARE UNNUMBERED BEING MERELY SUB- SECTIONS OF THE
EIGHT NUMBERED PARTS. END SUMMARY. BEGIN QUOTE: NO: 288/
BNG/ NCST/ M - THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF
VIET- NAM PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE NOTE
DATED APRIL 16, 1973 THAT THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM
SENT TO SOME SIGNATORIES OF THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFER-
ENCE ON VIET- NAM, HAS THE HONOR TO COMMUNICATE THE FOLLOWING:

1. A. IT CLEARLY APPEARS THAT THE NOTE OF THE DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM HAD NO PURPOSE OTHER THAN PROPAGANDA, AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM DEPLORES THIS FACT.
IN ORDER TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT, HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM FEELS THAT IT IS OBLIGATED TO POINT OUT
THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
VIET- NAM AND THE SO- CALLED NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT IN CREATING
AND MAINTAINING THE VERY UNSATISFACTORY SITUATION PRESENTLY
OBTAINING IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM.

B. WITHIN THREE MONTHS, THAT IS FROM THE ENTRY INTO
EFFECT OF THE CEASE- FIRE UP TO APRIL 26, 1973, THE COMMUNIST SIDE
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PERPETRATED A TOTAL OF 12,180 VIOLATIONS INCLUDING 6,097
SHELLINGS AND 2,756 ATTACKS WITH REGIMENT, BATTALION AND EVEN
DIVISION SIZE TO ENCROACH UPON THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF
VIET- NAM. THE MOST TYPICAL OF THESE WERE THEIR ATTACKS AT
CUA- VIET, SA- HUYNH THE SUB- SECTION OF TAN- CHAU (CHAU- DOC),
NUI GIO BASE (THUA- THIEN) AND THE DISTRICT TOWN OF TRI- TON
(CHAU DOC). ONE RANGERS' BASE OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM, TONG- LE- CHAN (BINH- LONG PROVINCE), IS
STILL UNDER SIEGE AT THIS MOMENT.

C. THE COMMUNISTS HAVE ALSO ATTACKED INTERNATIONAL
SHIPPING PROCEEDING FROM THE IGH SEAS TO THE KHMER REPUBLIC

ALONG THE MEKONG RIVER WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED AN INTERNATIONAL WATERWAYS BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT.

2. A. DURING THESE PAST THREE MONTHS THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM WAS ALSO KNOWN TO HAVE INFILTRATED MILITARY PERSONNEL, AMMUNITION AND ARMAMENTS INTO SOUTH VIET- NAM IN A STEADY MANNER AND IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF ARTICLES 7 AND 20 OF THE 1973 PARIS AGREEMENT ON RESTORING PEACE IN VIET- NAM.

B. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, MORE THAN 50,000 NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS HAVE MOVED FROM NORTH VIET- NAM INTO SOUTH VIET- NAM EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH LAOS AND CAMBODIA. NEW NORTH VIETNAMESE ANTI- AIRCRAFT AND ARTILLERY UNITS WERE PROGRESSIVELY DEPLOYED IN SOUTH VIET- NAM, WELL AFTER THE CEASEFIRE. FOUR HUNDRED (400) TANKS AND ARMORED VEHICLES, THREE HUNDRED (300) ARTILLERY PIECES, AND A VAST QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION WERE AMONG THE SUPPLIES DETECTED AS THEY WERE CONVEYED INTO SOUTH VIET- NAM FROM NORTH VIET- NAM. THE REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT THE AIRSTRIIP AT KHE- SANH HAS EVEN BEEN EQUIPPED WITH NEW SA-2 MISSILES THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY HOSTILE TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM.

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM CONTINUES TO EXPAND AND EXTEND THE ROAD AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM ON HIGHWAYS 7, 4 AND 4/7. THERE ARE ALSO INDICATIONS THAT A ROAD IS BEING CONSTRUCTED TO JOIN SOUTHERN LAOS WITH THE TWO WOUTH VIETNAMESE PROVINCES OF QUANG- TRI AND QUANG- NGAI, ACROSS THE LAOS- SOUTH VIET- NAM BORDER. THE ABOVE MENTIONED EFFORTS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM TO BUILD A SERIES OF ROAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NETWORK, NOWHERE NEAR AN ENTRY POINT, COULD ONLY BE INTERPRETED AS A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO SMUGGLE MILITARY SUPPLIES INTO THE REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM, IN BLATANT VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 20 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

4. A. THE TERRITORIES OF THE KINGDOM OF LAOS AND OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC CONTINUE TO BE USED BY THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM, WHICH HAS STEADILY REINFORCED ITS OWN MANPOWER AND SUPPLY POTENTIALS THERE. IT COULD BE SAID THAT DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE CEASEFIRE, OVER 26,000 TONS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN MOVED FROM NORTH VIET- NAM INTO LAOS, AND ON THE 17,000 TRUCK MOVEMENTS NOTED DURING THAT PERIOD, 7,000 ARE DIRECT MOVEMENTS INTO THE REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM ACROSS THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE ON THE 17 TH PARALLEL, IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLES 7 AND 20.

B. MOREOVER, THE ATTACKS BY ANTI- GOVERNMENT FORCES IN LAOS AND THE KHMER REPUBLIC, PAKSONG (FEBRUARY 23, 1973), THA VIENG (APRIL 13, 1973), THE PROVINCIAL CITY TAKEO AND THE POCHENTONG AIRPORT (26 AND 27 APRIL 1973), TO QUOTE A FEW

CASES, WERE DIRECTLYSUPPORTED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY,
THESE FACTS, WHICH ARE ALREADY WIDELY KNOWN, SHOW THE LITTLE
CONCERN THAT THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM ATTACKES TO THE
RESPECT OF THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, UNITY AND TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY OF LAOS AND CAMBODIA, AS STIPULATED IN ARTICLE 20
OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

5. A. WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF PRISONERS, THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM AND THE OTHER SOUTH VIETNAMESE
PARTY, BY REFUSING TO RELEASE ALL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PRISONERS
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